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Mayor Fulop Announces Appointment of New DPW Director as Part of Year One Changes; Appointment is Part of Vision to Consolidate JCIA and DPW into One Municipal Operation

JERSEY CITY – **Mayor Steven M. Fulop** announced today as part of the administration's ongoing changes following year one in office the appointment of Oren K. Dabney as Director of the Department of Public Works. The appointment is part of the Mayor's vision to consolidate the Jersey City Incinerator Authority and the Department of Public Works into one municipal operation.

Dabney, Chief Executive Officer of the Jersey City Incinerator Authority, will begin serving as Director of the Department of Public Works on Friday, Aug. 8, 2014, with a salary of one dollar a year. Dabney, a Jersey City resident, has been with the JCIA for 34 years, holding many positions of leadership and rising through the ranks to serve as CEO for the last 13 years.

"This selection is part of the changes we are implementing following our year one review so we can continue to streamline services, provide greater efficiency, enhance quality of life concerns and execute the mandate on which we were elected," said **Mayor Fulop**. "We know that Oren brings with him a wealth of knowledge and experience which we feel makes him the right candidate to transition these two operations that are vital public services the taxpayers rely upon."

The JCIA oversees street sweeping, garbage and recycling pickup and snow removal. The Department of Public Works maintains municipal parks and trees, city buildings and streets, and the automotive fleet. To further the consolidation, the administration earlier this month transferred the divisions of Traffic & Engineering and Architecture from the Department of Public Works to the Department of Administration.

"I am grateful for the Mayor's confidence and look forward to working with the staff at DPW to deliver the highest level of services for the residents and taxpayers," said Dabney. "I am excited about the opportunity to bring all of the public works functions into one operation to further enhance performance and cut costs."

Currently, the JCIA and DPW offices are being located into one facility, a new complex on Linden Avenue, with final preparations underway and relocation expected within the next six weeks.

Dabney's appointment will be presented to the City Council for confirmation at their next meeting on Aug. 20th, 2014.

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